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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER MIKI

1. PLEASE DELIVER ASAP THE FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER  
TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER MIKI. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING  
SENT BY POUCH.

2. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

JANUARY 18, 1977

DEAR MR. MIKI:

AMBASSADOR TOGO HAS PRESENTED TO ME YOUR LETTER OF  
NOVEMBER 18, 1976. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND REMARKS.

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AS I LOOK BACK OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, I TAKE SPECIAL  
SATISFACTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH  
JAPAN. IN THIS PERIOD THE U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP EVOLVED  
INTO ONE OF GENUINE PARTNERSHIP BASED ON SHARED INTERESTS  
AND VALUES. IT WAS AN ESPECIALLY HIGH HONOR FOR ME TO BE  
THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO VISIT JAPAN  
AND TO RECEIVE THEIR MAJESTIES IN WASHINGTON.

AS I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE, THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN OUR BOND WITH JAPAN. INCREASINGLY, THE FOCUS OF OUR RELATIONS HAS BEEN ON DEVELOPING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TOWARDS SOLVING THE BROAD INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF FOOD, ENERGY, TRADE AND MONETARY REFORM. IN ADDRESSING THESE PROBLEMS, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO CONSIDER THE WELFARE NOT ONLY OF OUR OWN PEOPLE BUT ALSO OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE WE CAN BE PROUD OF OUR RECORD IN THIS REGARD.

I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, RAMBOUILLET, AND PUERTO RICO. I, ALSO, LOOK FORWARD TO MAINTAINING OUR PERSONAL ASSOCIATION.

MRS. FORD JOINS ME IN EXTENDING BEST WISHES TO YOU AND MRS. MIKI.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

GERALD R. FORD

HIS EXCELLENCY  
TAKEO MIKI  
TOKYO

UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.  
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